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REFS: A) USUN 1426; B) STATE 107838 (NOTAL);

C) REPORT OF THE ECOSOC COMMITTEE ON NEGOTIATIONS

WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES E/5924 OF 11 MAY 1977

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING A TWO-HOUR ECOSOC PLENARY DEBATE WHICH CONSISTED OF AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT BY ALGERIA TO HAVE ARTICLE XI OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT AMENDED AND A SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT BY YUGOSLAVIA AND ALGERIA TO DILUTE THE LANGUAGE OF THE ECOSOC DECISION ON THE DRAFT AGREEMENT THAT HAD BEEN PROPOSED BY ARGENTINA AND SUPPORTED BY EIGHT COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE US, THE ECOSOC ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE THE FOLLOWING DECISION ON THE UN-IFAD DRAFT AGREEMENT SUBMITTED TO IT BY ITS COMMITTEE ON NEGOTIATIONS: "THE ECOSOC 1. TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES (E/5924) AND DECIDES TO TRANSMIT TO THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT:

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"A) THE DRAFT RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES FOR APPROVAL BY THE FUND; AND

"B) THE SUMMARY RECORD OF THE COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER." END SUMMARY.

2. AS PREDICTED IN USUN'S 1426, AND DESPITE STRONG EFFORTS TO DISSUADE HIM MADE BY THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, AND NUMEROUS DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES, THE ALGERIAN REPRESENTATIVE (KHAMIS) AFTER A LONG SPEECH PROPOSED AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT THAT WOULD REPLACE THE REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 55 WITH MENTION OF CHAPTERS IX, XI AND XII OF THE CHARTER AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S 1960 DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES. (THE CHAPTERS OF THE CHARTER REFER TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CO-OPERATION, NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEESHIP SYSTEM, RESPECTIVELY.) ALGERIA SAID IT MIGHT NOT PUSH ITS AMENDMENT TO A VOTE BUT WANTED TO HEAR A FULL DISCUSSION BY THE COUNCIL OF ITS PROPOSAL AND SERIOUSLY DOUBTED IF ANYONE WOULD OBJECT TO ITS PROPOSAL.

3. ARGENTINA THEN INTRODUCED A PROPOSAL (CO-SPONSORED BY CANADA, IRAN, JAMAICA, THE NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND NIGERIA, NORWAY AND THE US) TO HAVE THE COUNCIL "ENDORSE" THE DRAFT AGREEMENT.

4. YUGOSLAVIA, IRAQ, UPPER VULTA, AND SYRIA SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE ALGERIAN PROPOSAL AND OPPOSED THE "ENDORSEMENT" PORTION OF THE ARGENTINE PROPOSAL AS PREMATURE AS THEIR CAPITALS HAD NOT HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO STUDY THE PROPOSED IFAD-UN AGREEMENT CONTAINED IN REFS E/5924. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. THE FOLLOWING DELEGATIONS EITHER SPOKE IN OPPOSITION TO THE ALGERIAN AMENDMENT OR AT LEAST STATED A PREFERENCE FOR THE ORIGINAL TEXT OF ARTICLE XI: CANADA, IRAN, DENMARK, THE US, SUDAN, NETHERLANDS, FRG AND FRANCE.

6. AFTER SPEAKING THREE MORE TIMES DURING THE COURSE OF THE DEBATE, ALGERIA SAID IT WOULD NOT INSIST ON A VOTE BECAUSE "IT HAD EXPECTED ITS AMENDMENT WOULD BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS."

7. IN VIEW OF THE OPPOSITION TO ITS ORIGINAL PROPOSAL ARGENTINA (AFTER INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS) REVISED IT AND ITS REVISION (SEE SUMMARY) WAS ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS.

8. AFTER THE COUNCIL ADOPTED THE REVISED ALGERIAN PROPOSAL, THE USSR DELEGATE RECALLED THAT HIS COUNTRY HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IFAD FOR REASONS REPEATEDLY MADE KNOWN. THE USSR DELEGATE SAID HE WOULD

HAVE ABSTAINED IF THERE HAD BEEN A VOTE.

9. COMMENT: ON THE THE PLUS SIDE: 1) THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ESCAPED BEING AMENDED BY THE PLENARY AND WAS TRANSMITTED TO IFAD "FOR APPROVAL"; 2) THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT TO REOPEN ARTICLE 4 PARA 2 OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT REGARDING DELETION OF THE WORD "INDEPENDENT" AND 3) A NUMBER OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES THAT HAD IN THE BEGINNING OF THE NEGOTIATIONS FAVORED ALL OF THE G-77 PROPOSALS DESIGNED TO GREATLY LIMIT IFAD'S INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT AND MAKE IT THE COMPLETE SERVANT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY GENERALLY SWUNG OVER TO THE US POSITION AFTER WASHINGTON'S DEMARCHE (STATE 87883) TO THEIR CAPITALS. THIS WAS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN THE CASE OF THE NETHERLANDS, DENMARK, NORWAY, JAPAN, AND FRANCE.

10. ON THE MINUS SIDE, ALGERIA SERVED NOTICE THAT IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS FAR FROM GIVING UP ITS "CRUSDADE."

11. COPIES OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE DEBATE WILL BE SENT TO WOLF OF IO/AGR AND BIRNBAUM OF AID AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

12. FYI, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE (MAHGOUB OF THE SUDAN) INFORMED USUN HE HAD ALREADY CONVEYED THE RESULTS OF THE ECOSOC PLENARY TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE IFAD PREPARATORY COMMISSION (AL-SUDEARY) VIA PHONE.  
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